

SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

Attendees, Date and Type of Interview

The interview was conducted on May 21, 2008 and attended by Primary Examiner Leslie R. Deak and Applicants' Attorney William H. Shreve.

Exhibits and/or Demonstrations

None.

Identification of Claims Discussed

Independent Claim 2.

Identification of Prior Art Discussed

U.S. Patent No. 6,544,249 B1 to Yu et al. ("Yu") and U.S. Patent No. 6,626,858 B2 to Lynch et al.

Proposed Amendments

It was proposed to amend Claim 2 to recite that the anchoring member is "disposed distally of the longitudinally spaced openings."

Principal Arguments and Other Matters

Yu discloses rearward pointing barbs that fail to prevent forward movement. Applicants' claimed implant is configured to anchor in tissue, and this anchoring prevents both fore and aft movement of the implant.

Results of Interview

It was generally agreed that Claim 2, and its dependent claims, would be in condition for allowance based on the proposed amendment.